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INSTRUMENT-MOUNTING BULKHEAD  
EXHIBITING REDUCED  
DEFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO  
PRESSURE DIFFERENTIAL, AND  
ENERGY-BEAM SYSTEMS  
COMPRISING SAME

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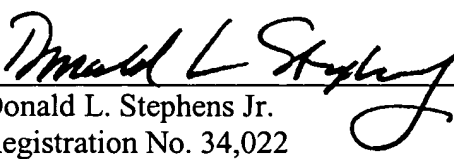
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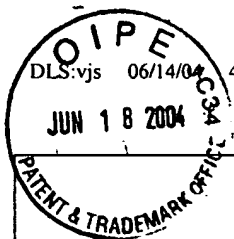
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